

admitted that as claim 60 then stood it had an antecedent problem with "pawl", as well as did claims 62-63 depending therefrom.

Applicants further pointed out to the Examiner that embodiment IIb was illustrated with and without a lock, and that the lock provided the biasing means in embodiment IIb.

Should the Examiner continue to require an election of a specific embodiment to illustrate the present election, applicants elect IIa, i.e., the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 15-33. However, applicants again raise the issue that a restriction is improper when applied to the disclosure (specification and/ or drawings). A restriction is required by statute and the Rules to be applied to the claimed invention.

The supplemental amendment of February 13, 2003, to independent claim 58 is considered to have placed claim 58 in condition of being generic to both embodiments IIa and IIb. Proof of this resides in applicants' Faxed February 13 memorandum of law.

In the Claims:

Kindly add the following new claim 79. The Commissioner is has been authorized in the forgoing cover letter to charge the Paul & Paul deposit account for any additional fees (order 1258).

79. In a latch, having a housing, a keeper-engaging member associated with said housing, an activator member connected with said housing and movable with respect thereto, an means connected with said housing for connecting said activator member to said keeper-engaging member whereby a movement of said activator member moves said keeper-engaging member, the improvement comprising:

a gravity-sensitive link in said linking means, said gravity-sensitive link moving to dislocate said linking means activator member to keeper-engaging connection member when

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